

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 – 21 without prejudice and add new claims 22 – 25 as follows.

A² 22 (New). A purified polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence which encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:3 positions 1 – 25, SEQ ID NO:3 positions 1 – 122, SEQ ID NO:3 positions 26 – 422, and SEQ ID NO:3 positions 123 – 422.

23 (New). An expression vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 22.

24 (New). A host cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 23.

25 (New). A method for producing a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:3 positions 1 – 25, SEQ ID NO:3 positions 1 – 122, SEQ ID NO:3 positions 26 – 422, and SEQ ID NO:3 positions 123 – 422, said method comprising the steps of:

a) culturing the host cell of claim 24 under conditions suitable for the expression said polypeptide, and

b) recovering said polypeptide from the host cell culture.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 21 were pending in the application.

By way of this amendment, claims 1 – 21 are canceled without prejudice, and new claims 22 – 25 are added.

Upon entry of this amendment claims 22 – 25 will be pending.